

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. (currently amended) A cutting device for rod-shaped workpieces, the cutting device comprising:

two actuating levers each comprised of a two-arm pivot lever;

wherein the two-arm pivot levers each comprise a first arm as an actuator and a second arm having a shearing edge and each having a pivot located between the first and second arms;

wherein the actuators have slanted surfaces facing one another and acted upon by a drive unit for moving the shearing edges relative to one another by pivoting the second arms about the pivots;

wherein the second arms each have an end face and the end faces are facing one another;

wherein the second arms each comprise a separate cutting insert, wherein the shearing edges are arranged on the cutting inserts, and wherein the cutting inserts are detachably fastened to and arranged ~~entirely~~ within the end faces of the second arms, so that the cutting inserts do not project past an end of the second arms that is remote from the pivots, respectively;

wherein the cutting inserts are identical and are mirror-symmetrically arranged relative to one another;

wherein the cutting inserts are staggered relative to one another in a direction of a pivot axis of the pivots such that the shearing edges are positioned in a common shearing plane.

2. (previously presented) The cutting device according to claim 1, wherein the end faces in the shearing position of the cutting device rest against one another.

3. (original) The cutting device according to claim 1, wherein the actuators are configured to be engaged by a drive device for pivoting the actuators in opposite direction relative to one another.

4. (canceled)

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6. (previously presented) The cutting device according to claim 1, wherein the cutting inserts each have a receptacle for the workpiece to be cut.

7. (original) The cutting device according to claim 6, wherein the receptacles each extend across an entire thickness of the cutting inserts, respectively.

8. (original) The cutting device according to claim 6, wherein the receptacle is a recess provided in an edge of the cutting insert in which the receptacle is provided.

9. (original) The cutting device according to claim 6, wherein the receptacle has a cross-section in the shape of a circular section.

10. (original) The cutting device according to claim 6, wherein the receptacle has a support area for a workpiece to be cut and wherein the support area has a thread.

11. (original) The cutting device according to claim 10, wherein the thread of the support area of the receptacle matches a thread of the workpiece to be cut.

12. (previously presented) The cutting device according to claim 1, wherein the cutting inserts each project past an end face of the oppositely positioned second arm of the pivot lever, respectively.

13. (previously presented) The cutting device according to claim 1, wherein the second arms each have a receiving space for the cutting inserts, wherein the cutting inserts each have lateral edges and rest with at least a portion of the lateral edges on sidewalls of the receiving spaces of the second arms, respectively.

14. (original) The cutting device according to claim 13, wherein the receiving spaces are recesses in the second arm.

15. (previously presented) The cutting device according to claim 1, wherein the cutting inserts are configured to be exchangeable for pressing jaws.

16. (currently amended) A cutting device for rod-shaped workpieces, the cutting device comprising:

two actuating levers each comprised of a two-arm pivot lever;

wherein the two-arm pivot levers each comprise a first arm as an actuator and a second arm having a shearing edge;

wherein the actuators move the shearing edges relative to one another;

wherein the actuators each have an inner side facing one another, wherein the inner sides each have a slanted surface and wherein the slanted surfaces converge in a direction toward the second arms;

brackets positioned between the actuators, wherein the brackets are adapted

to connect the cutting device to a drive device;

wherein the slanted surfaces cause the actuators to be pushed apart when pressure rolls of a drive device roll on the slanted surfaces toward the second arms when the drive device is actuated so that the shearing edges move toward one another to perform a cut;

wherein the second arms each have an end face and the end faces are facing one another;

wherein the second arms each comprise a separate cutting insert, wherein the shearing edges are arranged on the cutting inserts, and wherein the cutting inserts are detachably fastened to and arranged ~~entirely~~ within the end faces of the second arms, so that the cutting inserts do not project past an end of the second arms that is remote from the pivots, respectively;

wherein the cutting inserts are identical and are mirror-symmetrically arranged relative to one another;

wherein the cutting inserts are staggered relative to one another in a direction of a pivot axis of the pivots such that the shearing edges are positioned in a common shearing plane.